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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,008-W)

In re Application of)
Copeland, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/931,513 ✓) Group Art Unit: 1743 ✓
Filed: August 16, 2001 ✓) Examiner: Patricia K. Bex
For: Automated Biological)
Reaction Apparatus)

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 15, 2002

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2002. A Petition for extension of the time necessary for reply to the Office Action is made herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following sections of the specification.

After page 12, line 10, please insert the following paragraph:

FIG. 34 is a schematic of a jet drain for draining liquid from an upper surface of a slide.

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